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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool  
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***Don't Forget the BPS Picnic  
Friday, June 22 - 12:00 - 1:00***

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## **Annual BPS Picnic**

All moms, dads, BPS children, brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandpas are cordially invited to join us for lunch at the Annual Bethlehem Preschool Family Picnic on **Fri., June 22 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.** Please bring:

A salad or main dish to serve at least 8 people. (Jell-O does not do well in the sun.)

Or

Hot dogs and rolls for 8 people. (Hot dogs should be delivered early in the day or the day before.)

Or

Watermelon or cookies.

And also bring:

- Lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Sign-up sheets for salads, watermelons, hot dogs, and cookies will be located at the front desk. See you on the 22nd. Remember, "Think Sun!"

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## **Staff Appreciation Dinner**

It is time for our annual staff appreciation dinner on June 5! In years past, our staff has enjoyed our night out, and we look forward to the "door prizes" that the parents so generously donate. This year, we are again asking for contributions to the door prize raffle. If you would like to contribute a

door prize (gift certificates, small items, cash contributions, etc.) please speak to Mary, Cathy or Audrey. We greatly appreciate any contribution.

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## **Reminder**

BPS will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

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## **Kindergarten Transportation Programs**

The Bethlehem Central School District is offering bus safety programs for children entering kindergarten in September. On Wednesday, August 29 the program is scheduled at St. Thomas School at 11:45am and Slingerlands Elementary School at 3:00pm. On Thursday, August 30 the program will be at Eagle Elementary School at 10:45am and Glenmont Elementary School at 3:00pm. Students may attend any session. Call the BC Transportation Department at 439-3830 for more information.

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## **Parent Questionnaire**

Please take a few minutes to complete the family questionnaire that we will be distributing in a few weeks. We value your feedback and suggestions, and we hope to hear from every family.

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## **Summer Staffing**

You will see a few new faces over the summer and a few familiar faces of college students returning to cover staff vacations. We will send out information on our staffing schedules and summer fun for each room as

we approach the summer.

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## Outside Summer Fun

Our summer program begins Monday, June 25. At that time, the children will begin using the water slide, sprinklers and water tables outside on the playground.

Infants/Toddlers - Please send in a package of "swimmie" diapers (diapers made to be used in pools), a bathing suit and closed-toe water shoes (**NO SANDALS, PLEASE.**) Make sure there is an adequate supply of sunscreen for your child.

2s/3s/Jr Eagles - Please send in a swimsuit, a towel and closed-toe water shoes (**NO SANDALS, PLEASE.**) Make sure there is an adequate supply of sunscreen for your child.

As always, please make sure each item is labeled. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Classroom Notes

**Infant Room:** We can't believe it is already June. Where does the time go? We have had such a great time playing outside. We love the sandbox, slides, riding and push toys, and the swings. E and T enjoy playing together, both inside and out. E and W have been so talkative, saying many new words. J is working on crawling; she will be moving before we know it. S is standing around the room on her own.

Please take a minute to check your child's extra clothing box for summer supplies.

Happy birthday to **S**.

~ **Brooke and Lisa**

**Toddler Room:** We can't believe that the school year has come to an end. The time flew by. We will miss the children that are moving on, but we look forward to the new friends coming in. We know it will be a nice summer.

During June, we will be talking about **Picnics and Parties**. Speaking of picnics, mark your calendar with our family picnic on June 22 at noon. Think sun!!

Look for something special for the daddies of your family. The children are working hard on a special Father's Day gift.

Check your child's box for summer clothes.

Happy birthday to **L**.

~**Alicia, Kristen and Andrea**

**Twos Room:** What? It's June. Where did this year go? It's been a great year!

We will finish this year with a theme of **Transportation**. Dress up will be transformed into a house with a garage. We will travel via roads, railroad tracks, water and the sky to explore all of the methods of transportation in our world. We will talk about our family trips and how we got there.

We will also spend some time talking about "transporting" to our new classrooms at the end of the month or the end of the summer. We are practicing on the big climber, doing small jobs to help, and of course having lots of fun.

As an end of the year treat, we would like to have a **Teddy Bear Picnic** on June 15, so bring your favorite bear to share in the fun.

Please check your child's extra clothes box for appropriate summer clothing.

Happy birthday to **G** and our afternoon aide, **Emily**.

~ **Bonita, Tera and Evianna**

**Threes:** May has come and gone. And now we welcome June. We have enjoyed playing in our rainforest, learning about all the animals, insects and reptiles creeping around.

Now that we know of the living things around us, we are looking forward to learning about underwater life. Also, we will learn of our senses and our body. We will talk about the good things in life to keep our bodies strong and healthy. A great way to stay strong is through movement. We will do a theme consisting of music and movement. The children will listen to many different types of music, and use instruments to make their own unique sounds.

Our field trip to the Price Chopper was postponed until June. The date will be announced soon and we will need a few parents to tag along on our walk. We can't wait!

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

Happy birthday to **P, V, N and J**.

Here's to another month of investigation,

exploration and imagination.

~ **Jared, Rachel and Aly**

**Pre-K 3/4s Room:** The end of the school year already? We can't believe it's June. We have some more fun themes to explore, including "Sports," "Fathers," "Father's Day," and "Rainforest" before the last day. We will finish our alphabet study, adding the letters to our journal. We'll pattern some summer treats and sequence another story.

Our field trip this month is to the Albany Mounted Police Barn on June 15. Please consider driving to learn about this exciting occupation! The Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum will be here on June 5 to help us explore the wonderful world of honeybees.

Thank you for your tremendous support and help throughout the year, especially for driving on our many field trips. We couldn't have done it without you! We have truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with your children!

We look forward to seeing you at the end of the year picnic on June 22.

Happy Father's Day to our dads and grandfathers.

~ **Sharon, Koryn and Courtney**

**Pre-K 4s Room:** Wow-it's June already! This year just flew by. Guess we were having lots of fun!

This month our themes are:

- Sports
- Fathers
- Fun Week! (Details to follow.)
- Kindergarten

Our last field trip of the year will be to the Albany Mounted Police Barn on June 12.

This is one of our favorite field trips! Please sign up to drive.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your enormous support and help throughout the year, especially driving on our field trips. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to B's grandmother for coming into our room twice per month to read books to us. The children really appreciated this time with her as much as she enjoyed sharing her time. It was a great experience for the kids; come back anytime you wish!

Please join us Friday, June 8 at 3:15 for an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the end of the school year. All parents, grandparents and siblings are invited. We hope you will be able to join us.

Mark your calendar for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> BPS Family Picnic. We are looking forward to it!

Happy Father's day to all our dads. Watch your child's mailbox for a special gift.

Happy birthday to **G** and Elisha.

~ **Tara, Sherry and Elisha**

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### Important Dates

**June 22** – Family Picnic Noon – 1PM

**June 25** – First day of Summer Program

**July 4** – BPS closed

**August 31** – Last day of Summer Program

**September 3** – BPS Closed

**September 4** – First day of Fall Program

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**Have a great summer!!**